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FROM PERSIA

The following letter is from Dr. Mary R. Fleuning, who is now a medical missionary in Persia:

Tabriz, Persia.
November 20, 1915.
I hope my letters are getting through to you better than yours to me. I have had only two, one written from Atlantic City, and one of Sept. 17th. As I judge you write every week, as I do, there must be others on the road. I got a letter today from Dakin Bros. of London, saying that they have sent my books. The Board ought, of course, pay the bill, because they should have come through as part of my freight. Write about it to the Board, and let me know. I hope the books will get through all right, and I thank you very much for sending them.

I went down town this afternoon and called on Miss Beaber at the Girls' School, and on Mr. and Mrs. Gifford. The latter are very pleasant and cordial. They have invited me to spend Sunday with them this week and I shall be glad to do so. It was the first time I had been out of the compound since Sunday, except prayer meeting Tuesday night. This is the Moharram, and the streets have been so full of Moslem processions that it was not considered pleasant for the ladies to go out. The streets are a continual delight to me with their picturesque people and scenes. You would have been interested to see me walk down this afternoon. We never go out alone. I mean one lady; always with a servant. He walks in front and makes a way if there is a crowd, turns aside donkeys, or sheep or horses that would otherwise jostle one; sees that children and beggars do not annoy one unduly. This is necessary, and at least as long as one does not know the language, it would not be wise for a woman to go without one, but I am not used to it yet. I could not help smiling, and I wished to send you a picture of me walking in stately dignity (as far as cobbles stones would allow) with "Jamal" marching in front. "Jamal" is a tall good looking Moslem. He wears a dark green suit with the skirt of the coat laid in plaits and a high black cap. His thick black hair is shaven off his forehead, and cut straight across behind the ears. His thick pink socks show above dust colored shoes. Sometimes I shall take a picture of him in his Sunday blacks, when he is very imposing.

Tonight we are to have a committee meeting to make final arrangements for the Thanksgiving dinner. The Station has it in common, and much is made of it. Mr. Jessup, Mr. DuBourdiou and Mr. Rieben (teachers in the Boys' School,) Miss Shaw, Miss Easton, and Miss Camp—the "un-attached" people—are giving it. I was not in it at first, as it was planned before I came, but Miss Shaw has gone on a tour, so I am to take her place. There will be twenty people at the tables.

There has been holiday week at both the boys' and girls' schools. I have had one hour lesson instead of two. On Wednesday and Thursday my teacher did not come. He is a graduate of the Boys' School, and his father has been more or less in touch with the Mission for years. The boy's mother was a Christian, but he is not. He refuses, however, to take any part in the Moslem ceremonies. He does not leave the house on the two great days when there are big processions and head cutting. I am much interested in him. He is reserved and shy, and, of course, I wish to establish friendly relations first, and not be premature in anything I may try to say to him. Will you pray for him? His name is Ali Hassan.

I have a Sunday School class. Mr. DuBourdiou, who has charge of the English classes in S. S. asked me to take it, and I was very glad to be given something to do. Seven Armenian boys from fourteen to sixteen. They know enough English for us to get along very well.

Tomorrow we are to have a picnic. I am expecting to enjoy it very much. Ain-el-zaniel is an old Armenian Church, now in ruins on the top of one of the highest peaks not far from the city—about an hour's walk. We are going, six or eight of us, to ride through the city, and then walk across the plain, and up to the top, taking our lunches with us. It will seem good to get a chance to walk. I feel imprisoned here. It is not the thing to go out except in a carriage, or as I did today, with a servant. I am going to try to get up some enthusiasm at the Lambs for a tennis court out here.

We are having beautiful weather, in fact perfect weather. The sun shines all day so warm that it is uncomfortable to sit in its rays

long. The nights are clear with a brilliant moon. It is cold enough at night to make a little wood fire acceptable and one needs a good deal of bed covering.

I found on going into the cellar the other day to hunt for a box for wood, that Mr. Pitman has left his saddle. That prompted me to have a horse back ride occasionally by way of exercise. So after Thanksgiving I shall see about it. I find I can get a horse for an hour once or twice a week without being very extravagant.

You see I have nothing to do but study Turkish, and I can't do that all day. In our quiet household very little goes on. I have more energy than I know what to do with. We had a visit the other day that made us feel a little in touch with the outside world and with the war. Dr. Snively, who is in charge of a Red Cross unit at Khoj, northeast of us, came over here to see about his passport, as he is going home soon. He has five American nurses and some Russian Sisters, and twenty-five orderlies there. He is quite a big man, having been in charge of all the units in Russia, and he was asked to stay this fall and help bridge over the times after the American units were withdrawn; also to get the Russian Red Cross into its feet. He is from Columbus, Ohio, Professor of Obstetrics in the State University there. He is a Presbyterian, a member of Northminster Church; he is a very pleasant man. It is his hope to reach home before Christmas. He came out to see us. The hospital pleased him. Indeed Miss Easton keeps it in fine shape.

This letter will reach you some time about Christmas. I wished to send some little presents to you and to the folks in Highland, and to others, but it is so uncertain about packages getting through. Then, of course, I shall have to ask some one to go stopping with me, and to interpret for me. Everyone is so busy that I can not ask of them. Mrs. Coan is not well. She does not go down town. Mrs. Muller with whom I tried it once is not very satisfactory. She dislikes the crowds and the necessary bargaining of the bazaars. I shall wait until I can talk for myself. I enjoy the bazaars, and feel no fear of the crowds, though I always wear a veil when I go. I suppose the awful ordeal in Armenia last winter has shaken her nerve.

We get news irregularly. The telegraph lines are cut now and then. One item the other day was that the Pres. Board had heard that the refugees in Tabriz were dying of cholera at the rate 100 a day. There was a time early in the fall when there was cholera here, and the schools were closed when I arrived. About 4,000 are said to have died in the city, and very many in the nearby villages, but it was not specially, or mainly among the refugees. It is all gone now.

I received the Sun of Oct. 15th. News Continent and Observer the other day. Thank you very much. I enjoy them. We see the London Times very irregularly; also the London Graphic, about a month old, and the Literary Digest.

This will be over-weight if I begin another sheet, with very much love.

Huntington, W. Va.—Although there are many men of many minds in regard to the effects of the prohibition amendment on conditions in West Virginia, there are occasionally facts brought forth which show up pronouncedly good results from the new condition. For instance, Dr. L. V. Gurthrie, superintendent of the Huntington State hospital said:

"The prohibition amendment has worked wonders in bringing about a lessening of alcoholic insanity."

In this connection Dr. Gurthrie declared that the number of cases of dipsomania received at the hospital had decreased about ninety per cent. He added that the only case received recently was that of a patient who had been discharged as cured but who had relapsed. Dr. Gurthrie also said that the influx of men crazed by the drug habit, which began after the federal drug law which went into effect, has practically ceased.

MRS. KERNS' ADVICE

To Weak, Nervous, Run-Down Women
So, Cumberland, Md.—"For a long time I suffered from a nervous breakdown. I could not eat or sleep and was so weak I could hardly walk. My husband heard about Vinol and got me to try it. Now I have a good appetite, sleep soundly and am well and strong. Every nervous, weak, run-down woman should try Vinol.—Mrs. D. W. KERNS.
Vinol is a delicious cod liver and iron tonic, without oil, which we guarantee to create a healthy appetite, aid digestion and make pure healthy blood."

Marlinton Drug Store
Marlinton, W. Va.

NATIONAL FORESTS

Notice has just been received by Forest Examiner Marsh, of Harrisonburg, in charge of the Shenandoah National Forest that the title to two tracts of land lying in the Shenandoah Mountains in Rockingham and Augusta counties has passed to the Government and that the payment therefore has been made.

One tract of 7,854.43 acres was purchased from the Chesapeake Western Railway Company, while the other containing 2386.66 acres was purchased from Samuel B. Loose, of Hagerstown, Md. The average price was \$230 per acre. Although these are the first lands for which payment has been made on this Forest it is expected that within the next thirty days the title to about 100,000 acres will be vested in the Government. This will represent an expenditure of approximately one-third of a million dollars.

These lands will eventually be a source of considerable revenue to the counties of Rockingham, Augusta, Highland and Pendleton within which they are located owing to the fact that 25 percent of the revenue received from the National Forests will revert to the State to be distributed among the counties within which National Forest lands lie for the benefit of the public schools and roads. An additional 10-percent will be available for roads within the National Forest boundary.

Since there are considerable bodies of virgin timber on the lands within the Shenandoah Forest in this county, the revenue from timber sales alone should in the near future amount to a considerable sum, and should continue to increase indefinitely under systematic management.

In addition to the revenue returned, the National Forest afford unlimited recreational advantages, and it is the policy of the Forest Service to encourage their use for these and similar purposes. Permits can be secured by individuals or clubs for the construction of camps and club houses, and it is hoped that the public will take advantage of the unusual recreational advantages which can be secured within the National Forest boundary.—Pendleton Times.

BIG RAILROAD WORK

Extensive enlargements to the Chesapeake and Ohio railway company's yards in this city are being made by two large forces of workmen under two companies of contractors. Langhorne & Langhorne Co. & Sneed, are the contractors for the work being done in the west end of the city, where they have one of the largest and most powerful steam shovels ever made, in operation all the time removing a huge cliff. Operations in the East end yards are under other contractors, and it is believed this work is the beginning of a double track system for the Greenbrier division.

While authoritative information is not available, there is every reason to believe that these extensive improvements mean much to the future development of this city.—West Virginia News.

GREENBRIER TRAIN WRECKED

Greenbrier passenger train No. 141, due in this city about 10:50 a. m., was wrecked on Tuesday morning just north of Burnside. The miraculous escape from serious injury and perhaps death of Engineer Thos. Surber and Fireman Fred Mitchell, both of this city, can only be accounted for as an act of Providence.

A rock weighing about 1,000 pounds dislodged from a cliff high up on the mountain by the heavy rains, cut a path down the mountain side, clearing its way of shrubbery and saplings as big as four inches in diameter. The rock touched the track only once in its descent, striking the inside rail, and bounced clear of the outside rail, and then into the river. Where it struck the track a piece of rail about three feet long was broken out, which caused the derailment of the passenger.

Engineer Surber passed the whistling post and was blowing fire for Burnside when he noticed a short distance ahead the break in the rail. Immediately he reversed the engine and applied the emergency brakes, but with little effect. The fireman, seeing the situation, came over to the inside of the track and jumped, and made an effort to crawl up the steep embankment. Engineer Surber, after doing everything possible for the safety of his passengers and train, attempted to escape, but found that he had stuck to his post too long to jump; the engine was toppling over, having come upon the broken rail, and headed for the river. The working garments of Mr. Surber caught on some of the engine's mechanism and pinned him fast for a time, but while the engine lunged balanced on the brink of the river, the engineer emerged alive from the torn and battered cab.

It is said that a passenger at Burnside, waiting on the train, heard the rock roar down the mountain and also heard it hit the river, and supposed that it had done no damage. Traffic on the branch was tied up all day Tuesday, and the wreck was finally cleared on Thursday. The engine was brought to this city on Thursday evening by the wrecking crew.—West Virginia News.

GOSPEL OF LUKE 24: 13-38

Those two disciples, sad and lone,
To Emmaus were bent,
And as they walked, of Christ they talked,—
The hours of day far spent:
A kindly stranger then drew nigh,
And spoke in tones of sympathy:
Who was this stranger friend!

They knew him not tho' hearts did burn,
Beneath his gracious word:
But when he blessed and broke the bread,
They saw their risen Lord.
Constraining Him, they earnest cried,
With Thy disciples, Lord, abide!
And He abode a while.

Ab, well for us when journeying,
Toward Emmaus or elsewhere,
If this same stranger draweth near,
To lift our load of care—
And should our eyes be bolden fast,
Oh, Savior, open them at last,
And with us, Lord, abide!
A. L. P.

DURBIN

2 degrees below zero this morning in Durbin.

The Durbin election of town officers is as follows: W. H. Arbogast, mayor; C. E. Carpenter, recorder; J. F. Folk, Thomas Gammis, S. H. Hiner, J. Hall Wilson, N. B. Arbogast, councilmen.

Visitors here from other places are J. M. Painter, John Levy and Alex. Bliz, of Mount Lick; Sam Stanley, Wildell; G. H. Hull, of Hightstown, Va.

Prof. G. H. LaRue of Hillsboro, has started up his school again after a week's sickness.

Prof. Emmett Lester is still on his job and does not laugh when he calls for order.

On Friday evening, January 14, J. L. Anderson, installing officer for the I. O. O. F., of the 20th district, installed the following officers for the term: C. Forrest Holl, N. G.; J. J. Engle, V. G.; C. P. Kerr, Sec.; Gay McAvoy, Treas. The appointed officers are G. C. Nevelt, R. S.; S. E. Friend, G. O. Dickson, Chaplain; G. O. Marshall, Conductor; R. W. Smith, Inner Guard; Arthur Townsend, Outer Guard.

F. K. Moore was in town Saturday with a load of potatoes and apples.

J. M. Colaw is preparing to move to the farm of James Galford on Back Alleghany.

C. A. Nottingham was up from Hosterman over Sunday.

The Salvation Army will hold a lecture in the M. E. Church, Wednesday evening the 19th.

YELK

James Gibson was at Marlinton on business recently.

George Gay trapped a very large eagle a few days ago.

Edgar McLaughlin, of Hillsboro, was a business visitor here last week.

Miss Myrtle Hoover, of Slaty Fork, is staying at Harlan Gibson's.

Miss Ida Beverage, who spent several days with her sister, has returned to her home at Onoto.

W. H. Dilley, of Dilley's Mill, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. S. Mc. Dilley.

Willie Gibson has returned from an extended visit in Randolph and Tucker counties.

Miss Allie Gibson and Mrs. Stella Gibson were at Marlinton trading and visiting relatives a few days ago.

George Bright has a big job of brush cutting for French Hoover, which he employs himself at daily. He and his brother, Steve Bright raised 400 bushels of potatoes, cut and put up 11 stacks of hay; raised threshed almost 100 bushels of rye, and about 60 bushels of buck-wheat; and it was mostly done by man power, not having any team, it was mostly done by the sweat of their brows.

Robert Eubank of Elray, is cooking at Robertson's mill.

Forrest Gibson is selling a grab with a good patent on it which is a great benefit and protection to the grab. Any one who has longed to do will save time, money and grabs by using them.

Morris Friel and Emmett Galford who are working for Jordan & Galford, are with their families at Woodrow.

Bernard Vanreenan has returned to his work after visiting friends at Hosterman.

Mrs. W. H. Dilley is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Berdie Dilley.

quote fire alarm system. The next meeting of the Department will be held on the third Monday night of February at the Times Office.

Marlinton General Hospital Marlinton, W. Va.

DR. HARRY C. SOLTER
Practice limited to Surgery, Diseases of Women and X Ray Treatments.

DR. WILLIAM C. McCORD
Special attention to Treatment of Rheumatism and all Chronic Diseases.

DUNMORE

Sam and John Sheets were visiting their sister, Mrs. Will Geiger, a few days ago.

Earl McComb and Randall Ketterman, of Raywood, were visitors here Sunday.

Mrs. Jane Curry gave the young people a taffy stew which was enjoyed by all.

This is a nice winter for the farmers. They had better save their feed for next winter; it will be a bad one.

There has been a good deal of sickness around here. Those on the sick list are Mrs. C. B. Swecker, Miss Nellie Pritchard, Mrs. Sallie Carpenter, Mrs. Clarissa Taylor, Mrs. Harry Thompson and Mrs. June McElwee. They are all improving but Mrs. Taylor who continues very ill.

C. B. Swecker and T. M. Gum attended the phone meeting at Arbovale Saturday. We are glad the central office was not moved.

Spoden Rose from Stamping Creek, was visiting in town last week.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Musto McLaughlin died at their home January 12, 1916.

Sheriff L. S. Cochran passed through town Saturday.

Mrs. V. B. Mann attended the reading circle at Greenback Saturday.

Fred Pritchard and his force of men are making good road through Dunmore.

There will be a debate on Woman Suffrage and a fish pond at the Dunmore school house Saturday night January 22. Every body come and fish and see the new organ that has just arrived.

Protracted services in progress at the Methodist church this week. The pastor is assisted by Rev. Goodall.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Barlow is very sick with pneumonia.

100 Head of Horses

Hirsh Brothers
Harrisonburg, Va.

will be in Marlinton on Saturday, January 22, 1916, to buy 100 head of horses, from 5 to 12 years old; horses or mares.

Will be at

Smith's Livery
Saturday, January 22, 1916



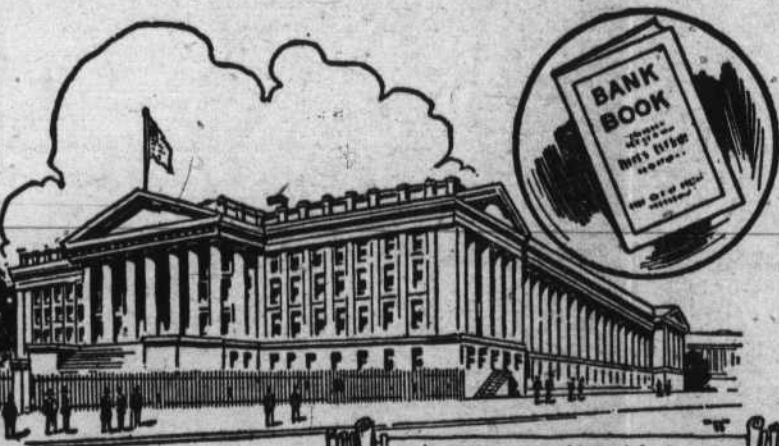
He should take some of our Medicine for his Cold

A little boy took cold. His parents neglected to give him medicine in time or send for the doctor. The little boy had a long, serious expensive spell of sickness.

When you catch cold "catch" it in time and overtake it. When we supply the medicines they will be fresh, pure and effective.

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- ☛ Your money placed in our hands is not only in safe keeping, but it is increasing in volume without effort on your part. It is providing the competence that will be needed for old age or the "rainy day" that should be anticipated.
- ☛ The saving habit is a producer of self-reliance, of business independence, of freedom from anxiety.
- ☛ We offer the people of this community every inducement to save that is consistent with safe banking.
- ☛ Start a bank account with us today.

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